



Sandel Park Play Area Renovation Community Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

6:30– 7:45 p.m.

Greenwood Branch Library

8016 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

Welcome and Project Overview, *Kelly Davidson, Parks Project Manager*, presented the scope of work for the project; this includes full replacement of the playground equipment, the swing set will stay, the playground area will be expanded and pulled out from the trees to provide better visibility. The total project budget is \$350,000. Construction is expected to take place from May – October 2010. Public outreach was completed through direct neighborhood mailings, a sign at the project site, web posting, press releases and contacting neighborhood organizations. Goal for the meeting is to collect community input on the overall design and specific features of the play equipment design.

Design Presentation, *Karen Kiest & Peter Nelson, Karen Kiest Landscape Architects*

Community Discussion

Questions/Requests

- Is the wading pool going to stay? Yes
- Could an off leash area be incorporated into the site? *Not as part of this project, limited area on overall site.*
- Concerns about the visibility of the sand area, can it be raised? *It is being raised.*
- Could lighting be installed by the dry creek rocks? *Not part of this scope, but will look into feasibility.*
- Is rubber surfacing an option for this park? *Not at this time. Cost impact.*
- Will this project resolve any of the drainage issues on site? It's a very wet location. *Drainage will be addressed at the playground area.*
- Would like to see rocks and natural elements incorporated into the design.
- Could slides be incorporated in the existing slope, make use of the existing grade. Tube slides.
- Are there any planting in the project? *Landscape planting area on the slope between upper and lower grade.*
- Would like play equipment similar to Greenwood Playground, connection to site's history.
- Could climbing rocks be included?
- Picnic tables should be included near the west trees.
- Incorporate the theme of a bog or water to connect to site. Piper's Creek Watershed
- Playground should have a unique feature.
- Will there be interpretive information? *Not in existing plan.*
- Can anything be done to keep people from driving into park?
- Incorporate a rain garden.
- What ages are intended to use the playground? *2-5 and 5-12*
- Dark colored slides can get hot, can we look into a tan slide?
- Will any new trees be included in the design? *Not included at this time.*
- Include an overhead ladder in the playground.
- Include natural climbing features.
- The play structure should have "windows" for play and visibility below the structure.
- There should be a separate toddler area.
- Avoid ramps in the play equipment.
- Kids love the pole at the existing site. Incorporate something similar into new site.
- Include a rope climber.

Questions/Requests (continued)

- Separation between toddler and larger kid area.
- Has an equipment manufacturer been selected yet? *No*
- Could contours be posted to web site? *Yes*
- The equipment should include stimulating features like phones or store equipment. *No snakes.*

Comments

- The area around the restrooms have limited visibility and become gathering places for bad activity.
- Wood chip base is concern because of debris that could be hidden in it.
- Multiple comments that the wood chips add to the natural feel of the site.
- The Parks Grounds Crew does a great job taking care of the park.
- There are no unique features in the existing design.
- Play up the dry creek and grade.
- The existing play equipment design is very compact and vertical, spread it out.
- Like the design of the perimeter.
- Like the connection to the existing rocks.
- Ravenna Park is a good example of using the grade of the site.
- Like the hammock features.

Next Steps, Parks will post the updated play equipment design to the project web site and notify all who have attended the meeting. A cut off date for comments will be posted. Those comments will be reviewed by the design team and updated designs will be posted to the web site. The project will move into construction documents and bid in spring 2010.

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Meeting Information will be posted on line after the meeting.

<http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/sandel/playground.htm>

Thank you for your insight and participation tonight. It is your ideas that will guide the design and transformation of our new playground!

